

### **Amendments to the Claims**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A driving device for driving a support device into an object, the driving device comprising:

a rigid driving end adapted to receive a blow from a driving tool forcing the support device into the object;

an extension portion extending from the driving end at an upper portion of the extension portion and having a plurality of snap portions positioned at a lower portion, the ~~extended~~ extension portion adapted to contact a shank of the support device; and

a nesting portion extending from the driving end, the nesting portion adapted to engage a split portion of the support device.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): The device of claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein the snap portions are formed on the lower portion of the extension portion.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The device of claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein the snap portions are attached to the lower portion of the extension portion.

Claim 5 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the driving end includes a notch that is adapted to receive a support member of the support device.

Claim 6 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the driving device is constructed of a metal selected from the group consisting of steel, aluminum, titanium and stainless steel.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A support device, comprising:  
a rigid shank having a first end and a second end;

threads disposed at the first end of the shank for use in securing the device to a pole;

a rigid first support member disposed on the second end of the shank for securing a first object to the pole;

a rigid second support member disposed on the second end of the shank for securing a second object to the pole, wherein the first and second rigid support members form a split portion where they meet the shank; and

a driving device attached to the second end of the shank at the split portion and adapted to drive the support device into an object, the driving device comprising:

a rigid driving end adapted to receive a blow from a driving tool;

an extension portion extending from the driving end, the ~~extended~~ extension portion adapted to contact a the shank of the support device; and

a nesting portion extending from the driving end, the nesting portion adapted to engage a the split portion of the support device.

Claim 8 (original): The device of claim 7, wherein the driving device further comprises a plurality of snap portions located on a lower portion of the extension portion.

Claim 9 (original): The device of claim 8, wherein the snap portions are formed on the lower portion of the extension portion.

Claim 10 (original): The device of claim 8, wherein the snap portions are attached to the lower portion of the extension portion.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The device of claim 7, wherein the driving end includes a notch that is adapted to receive a at least one of the first and second support member members of the support device.

Claim 12 (original): The device of claim 7, wherein the driving device is constructed of a metal selected from the group consisting of steel, aluminum, titanium and stainless steel.

Claim 13 (original): The device of claim 7, wherein the driving device is removably attached to the second end of the shank.

Claim 14 (original): The device of claim 7, wherein the driving device is fixably attached to the second end of the shank.

Claim 15 (original): The device of claim 7, wherein the shank and the first support member form a P shape.

Claim 16 (original): The device of claim 7, wherein the shank and the second support member form a J shape.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A driving device for driving a support device into an object, the driving device comprising:

rigid receiving means adapted to receive a blow from a driving tool for forcing the support device into the object;

extension means extending from the receiving means at an upper portion of the extension means, the extension means having a plurality of snap portions positioned at a lower portion wherein the extension means is adapted to contact a shank of the support device; and

nesting means extending from the receiving means, the nesting means adapted to engage a split portion of the support device.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The device of claim 17, ~~further comprising a plurality of wherein the~~ snap portions ~~located~~ formed on a ~~the~~ lower portion of the extension means.

Claim 19 (original): The device of claim 17, wherein the receiving means includes a notch that is adapted to receive a support member of the support device.

Claim 20 (original): The device of claim 17, wherein the driving device is constructed of a metal selected from the group consisting of steel, aluminum, titanium and stainless steel.